

## Volunteer Position Description

**Position:** Training Assistant

**Department:** Dog Training School

Volunteers' Coordinator	
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**Location:** 12 Kirkpatrick Street Weston (off Cotter Road), ACT, 2611, Australia

**Hours:** Varies depending on class times, generally on weekends of one hour duration. Some sessions are held outside normal business hours.

### About the Position

The RSPCA ACT Dog School training aims to provide public dogs with the required skills to have a happy, well-adjusted life with their family, using positive reinforcement training methods. Volunteer Training Assistants help our Trainers to run smooth and effective classes for the public.

### Key Duties

- Assisting to set up and pack down equipment;
- Cleaning dirty water bowls at the end of the shift;
- Checking training yard for any hazards/toys/faeces and reporting issues to the Trainer;
- Assisting participants to practise individual exercises in class as directed by the trainer;
- Listen to the directions the trainer provides to participants during class;
- Direct questions from participants to the Trainer.

### Skills & Qualities

- Experience using positive reinforcement training techniques;
- Positive and upbeat attitude;
- Willingness to take direction; and
- A keen interest in dog training.

### Benefits

- Interaction with the animals;
- Increased knowledge of animal behaviour and handling.

### Induction and training

- RSPCA Volunteer Induction;
- On the job training with a member of staff.

### Additional requirements

- Uniform Compliance;
- Working with Vulnerable People Registration;
- Six month commitment to volunteering with the RSPCA.
- Tetanus vaccinations up to date.